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3. 62 sheets of specification, 8 sheets of claims, 1 sheet of abstract;
4. 21 sheets of drawings;
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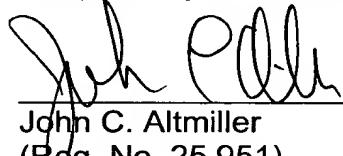
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Respectfully submitted,



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